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In Re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3304
Thomas E. Sawyer et al.)
Serial No. 08/918,944)
Filed: August 25, 1997)
For: ELECTRONIC SYSTEM AND METHOD)
FOR OPERATING AN AUXILIARY)
INCENTIVE GAME)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE
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Sir:

On February 27, 1998, the undersigned attorney of record respectfully requested correction of several errors noted in the Official Filing Receipt for the above-identified application.

Upon receipt of the Corrected Official Filing Receipt, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A, it was noted that two of the errors had not been corrected.

The Corrected Official Filing Receipt again incorrectly spells the first inventor's name as Ythomas E. Sawyer. However, the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed with the application correctly identifies the inventor's name as Thomas E. Sawyer. A copy of the Combined Declaration (unsigned) as filed,

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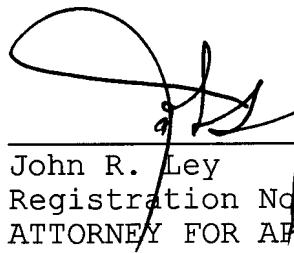
with the correct spelling of Mr. Sawyers' name is attached as Exhibit B.

Also the word INVENTIVE in the title of the application on the corrected filing receipt is still incorrect. The correct word is INCENTIVE. A copy of the first page of the application with correct title is again attached, as Exhibit C.

It is respectfully requested that a new Corrected Official Filing Receipt, listing the first inventor's name correctly spelled as Thomas E. Sawyer and the title of the application as ELECTRONIC SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPERATING AN INCENTIVE AUXILIARY GAME be issued.

Signed at Englewood, Colorado, on June 16, 1998.

Respectfully requested,



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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER
OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As one of the below-named inventors, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the first, original and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ELECTRONIC SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPERATING AN AUXILIARY INCENTIVE GAME, the specification of which is filed concurrently herewith, and which is assigned Attorney Docket No. 099.302 by my below-named attorneys.

The persons named as inventors are: Thomas E. Sawyer and Tony A. Cranford

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

No priority claim is made under 35 U.S.C. § 119 or 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Power of Attorney: As the named inventors, we hereby appoint John R. Ley, Registration No. 27,453 and John B. Phillips, Registration No. 37,206, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ELECTRONIC SYSTEM AND METHOD
FOR OPERATING AN AUXILIARY INCENTIVE GAME

5 This invention relates to an auxiliary incentive game which is played simultaneously with a primary card game such as blackjack, and more particularly to a new and improved electronic system for displaying and controlling each player's progress within the auxiliary game and for randomly 10 awarding prizes to each player who wins the auxiliary game.

Background of the Invention

Casino table games such as blackjack or other card games are highly profitable to casinos, particularly because the odds associated with such gambling games favor the 15 casino. In order to maximize the profit generated by each table, it is desirable to not only attract a large number of players to the table but to also keep the players playing at the table for an extended period of time. In essence, while a player may occasionally stop at a table to place several 20 wagers, a casino is most likely to make a profit from a player who stays at a single table over the course of several hours because it is unlikely that such a player will be able to "beat the odds" over the long run.

Thus, casinos often add extra incentives (e.g., 25 complimentary food and beverages) to keep players at the gaming tables for extended periods of time. However, since all casinos typically offer the same extra incentives, it is not uncommon for players to "try their luck" at a number of different tables or even at a number of different casinos 30 within a single gambling session. For example, if a player is losing money at a particular table (e.g., a blackjack table), or if the player feels that a particular table (or a